

Let The Grandparents Do It!

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ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this choral piece, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout these sections during performance. After you have established the beat, it is time to start interpreting, experimenting, and having fun with the words by varying tempo, volume, inflection, and expression.

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FORMATTING

This script has been formatted for **SOLO READERS, ALL, ALL GIRLS, and ALL BOYS**. You may use the same 3 readers for all solo lines or up to 15 solo readers throughout the piece.

SOLO READER 1: When I was young, folks told my parents...

(Use your imagination and have fun interpreting the following line. The line is repeated throughout the script. You might try having the line said differently each time it is read).

SOLO READER 2: Beeeeeee careful, don't spooooooil **that baby!**

ALL: Oh no!

ALL GIRLS: Don't cuddle that baby
Don't tickle, don't hug.
Don't shower that baby
With too much love.

ALL BOYS: Don't run to each cry,
Each hiccup and sigh.

SOLO READER 3: Don't spoil that baby.
That's all there is to it.
Don't spoil that baby...

ALL: Let the grandparents do it!

ALL CHORUS: Who's the best of the family line?
Well, my grandparents just suit me fine.
They're top, top, top of the family tree
'Cause my grandparents are
Good to me!

SOLO READER Then, when I was a little older, folks told my
parents...

SOLO READER Beeeeeeeeee careful, don't spooooooooil **that**
toddler!

ALL: Oh no!

ALL BOYS: Don't spoil that toddler
Who just started walking.
Don't make silly sounds
To encourage more talking.

ALL GIRLS: Or kiss wounded knees
Just don't do it, please.

SOLO READER Some will say your toddler
Is sweet as ice cream.
Don't reply, "We all knew it"...

ALL: Let the grandparents do it!

ALL CHORUS: Who's the best of the family line?
Well, my grandparents just suit me fine.
They're top, top, top of the family tree
'Cause my grandparents are
Good to me!

SOLO READER On my first day of school, folks told my
parents...

SOLO READER BEEEEEEEEEE careful, don't spooooooil ***that
youngster!***

ALL: Oh no!

ALL GIRLS: Then kindergarten!
Now, on the first day
Don't look worried,
Or filled with dismay.

ALL BOYS: Don't get weepy,
And say something creepy.

SOLO READER When teacher finally
Shows you the door
Don't bravely walk through it...

ALL: Let the grandparents do it!

ALL CHORUS: Who's the best of the family line?
Well, my grandparents just suit me fine.
They're top, top, top of the family tree
'Cause my grandparents are
Good to me!

SOLO READER And, as I grew older, folks told my parents...

SOLO READER Beeeeeeeee careful, don't spooooooil **that**
child!

ALL: Oh no!